

The Old Glory Boys Show Wycombe How!

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Wycombe 1, Wanderers 1956-57 XI 2

THIRTEEN well-loved, older and somewhat plumper Loakes Park favourites of some six years back made a glorious return to the scene of their triumphs on Wednesday evening, when they gave a simple but effective lesson to the present Wanderers side in the Wycombe Hospital Cup game.

These men, some of whom have now hung up their boots altogether, drummed out the message that neither speed nor necessarily fitness are the main requirements of a team. They showed that individual skill with unselfish teamwork can bring success.

This was no fluke victory. The '57 side used their heads to save their feet. Passes went from man to man with speed and accuracy. It must have pleased former coach Sid Cann, who was watching.

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The crowd, who loved every minute of it despite the intense cold, cheered every move. Shouts of delight went up as Jack Tomlin forced Patrick to make a fine save and then another tremendous effort hit the underside of the bar but was cleared.

With Dennis Syrett in great form and Fred Lawson, Mike Wicks and Frank Westley forming a tight quick tackling defensive barrier, the Truett brothers, Jim and Geoff, were able to lend weight to the attack.

But five minutes before half-time they had a lucky escape when Hodges broke away from Lawson for once and centred across the goal, but Samuels headed wide. And in the next minute Wycombe took the lead when an unguarded Samuels headed past Syrett from a Beck cross.

Almost immediately, however, the '57 side were on level terms with a brilliant equaliser. Bates swept down the right-wing and



CLIFF TROTT

Cliff Trott neatly headed his centre into the net.

The second half saw the '57 team bring on Jim Moring, in place of Frank Westley, and Dennis Atkins took Tomlin's place, but it made no difference to the side's confidence.

With only 20 minutes to go, after Atkins had seen one of his 'specials' soar over the bar, Trott scored a typically cheeky goal.

There was no stopping them now and the Wanderers' efforts to get on terms seemed crude in comparison.

Later in the evening the Matron of High Wycombe Hospital was given a cheque for £100.